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GENETIC MARKER FOR FAT CONTENT, WEIGHT GAIN,  
AND/OR FEED CONSUMPTION OF ANIMALS

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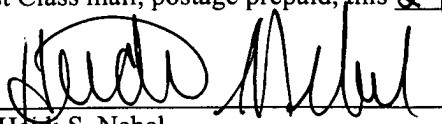
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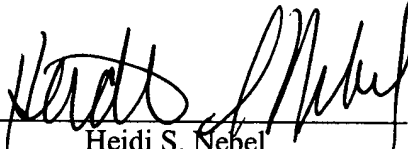
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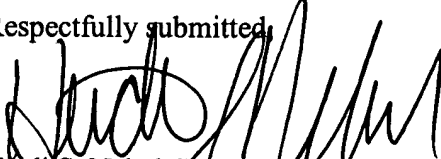
  
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